

# STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (SIAC)

## January Meeting Summary



**Date | time** January 27, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. | **Meeting Location** virtually via Zoom

**Meeting called to order by** Ivanora Alexander, Executive Director of Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs & SIAC Chair

## WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES

**Ivanora Alexander**, Executive Director of Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs (OCSHCN) and SIAC Chair, welcomed members, alternates, and guests to the meeting, then called the meeting to order.

## BUSINESS ITEMS

### Review of December Meeting Summary

**Rhonda Logsdon** – made a motion to approve. **Denitta Mercier** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

### SIAC Policy & Procedures

**SIAC Chair Ivanora Alexander** reminded the council that a draft of revised SIAC Policy & Procedures, specifically the Chair rotation schedule, was introduced at the December SIAC meeting. Per SIAC Policy & Procedures, a draft is introduced at one meeting and voted on at the subsequent meeting. Ms. Alexander asked if there were any further revisions. **Melissa Goins** – made a motion to approve the revised Policy and Procedures. **Judy Theriot** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

### Recommendations to the Governor and Legislative Research Commission

**Wendy Morris** made a motion to re-introduce to SIAC the annual recommendations. **Rhonda Logsdon** – second to the motion. **Vestena Robbins** presented the edits to the annual recommendations, which were mostly grammatical and style; however, the first recommendation was edited for clarification for the intended audience. **Marta Miranda-Straub** made a motion to approve the edits. **Melissa Goins** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

### Jefferson RIAC Youth Application

**SIAC Chair Ivanora Alexander** requested members review the Jefferson RIAC Youth application. SIAC Chair Alexander informed the council that the RIAC voted to accept the application. SIAC Chair asked if there were any objections; there were none. SIAC Chair Alexander appointed Mr. Robinson as the Jefferson RIAC Youth Representative.

### Disability Standing Committee Staff

**SIAC Chair Ivanora Alexander** reported that Amber Collins, Staff to the Disability Standing Committee, resigned; however, Chasiti Dowdy from AOC volunteered to fill this role. SIAC Chair Alexander appointed Chasiti Dowdy as Staff to the Disability Standing Committee.

### Standing Committees and the Social Ecological Model (SEM)

- **Rhonda Logsdon**, Chair of Disability Standing Committee, reported their committee is using SEM to work on the goal of Increase Equity in Service Access and Outcomes. Ms. Logsdon reported their first task is to as a group, define disability in order to have a common definition when seeking and reviewing data. Ms. Logsdon reported their standing committee is meeting twice monthly.
- **Kate Overberg Wagoner**, Chair of Outreach & Promotion Standing Committee, reported they are applying the SEM to the goal: Utilize SIAC to Increase Participation in the Governance of Kentucky's System of Care. Ms. Overberg Wagoner reported Outreach & Promotion members plan to visit each standing committee to see how their standing committee can assist. They are setting up a process for cross communication with other standing committees.
- **Dominique Clark**, Staff to Racial & Ethnic Disparities (RED) Standing Committee, reported the RED Standing Committee is working towards the goal of Increase Equity in Service Access and Outcomes. Ms. Clark reported

RED will be hosting the fourth Justice For All: Moving From Protest to Policy panel discussion in February. More information will be coming. The first three panel discussion recordings can be found on the SIAC website at <http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/siac.aspx>.

- **Vestena Robbins**, Staff to Social and Emotional Health & Wellbeing Standing Committee, reported they have created a structure for how they will align each of their tasks with the SEM. Dr. Robbins reported their standing committee is breaking into smaller groups to have each group work on different goals then filter it through all of the layers of the model, with each group facilitated by an SEM content expert. Dr. Robbins also reported they have created a short-term workgroup to finalize the dashboard of indicators of social and emotional health and wellbeing of Kentucky's youth that was shared at the December SIAC meeting.  
(see Meeting Handouts for Standing Committees' report)

## REGIONAL INTERAGENCY COUNCILS (RIAC) UPDATE

**Vanessa Brewer**, RIAC Administrator at Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), reported RIACs have been wrapping up their work under the RIAC COVID funding opportunity and Physical Year 2020 funding. Ms. Brewer reminded the council that RIAC COVID funding was made available to assist children, youth and transition-age youth with addressing immediate and/or emergent needs created or amplified by the pandemic. Jefferson RIAC used their funds to support the needs of immigrant, refugee, and undocumented families in the Louisville Metro Area. Jefferson RIAC has since applied for and received a \$20,000 grant through Humana to continue their work in this area. Ms. Brewer reported that at the request of one of the Local Resource Coordinators, a RIAC workshop was developed to support RIAC Members and attendees. Ms. Brewer reported RIAC participants were surveyed to determine what topics would best meet their needs. Survey results were used to create the workshop, which was offered twice with 149 total attendees. Information from the survey and the workshop evaluations identified the need for additional information sharing opportunities to support RIACs. Ms. Brewer reported she is in the initial stages of planning a RIAC learning series, and once developed, this will be available to anyone. Ms. Brewer reported there is now a RIAC webpage [<https://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/riac.aspx>]. (See Meeting Handouts for monthly RIAC report).

## CHFS PILLARS

**Eric Friedlander**, Secretary of the Cabinet for Health & Family Services (CHFS), shared the CHFS mission and how the Cabinet plans to build back better. Secretary Friedlander introduced the CHFS Pillars: Equity, Resilient individuals and communities, Structural economic support, and Health and well-being; and he talked about how CHFS programs and departments align with these pillars to improve the lives of the people we serve as well as the people providing the services (see Meeting Handouts).

## BECOMING FAMILY- & YOUTH-DRIVEN

**Carol Cecil**, Executive Director, Kentucky Partnership for Families & Children, and **Dyzz Cooper**, Youth Leadership Coordinator, Kentucky Partnership for Families & Children and SOC FIVE, provided a presentation on becoming family- and youth-driven, which SIAC identified as one of its six goal areas during strategic planning. KPFC is leading this initiative with a Family- and Youth-Driven Strategic Planning Workgroup, and they are seeking representation from each SIAC Member agency. The workgroup will model family- and youth-driven with 51-60% of the members being family members and young people with lived experience. The first few meetings will include national facilitators. To join the workgroup, register at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FD\\_YD\\_KYSOC](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FD_YD_KYSOC) (see Meeting Handouts for copy of presentation).

## SIAC MEMBER UPDATES

**Ivanora Alexander**, OCSHCN, reported they have established a wellness and social emotional health workgroup to implement recommendations from the Social Emotional Health Task Force, focusing on employee health and those they serve. Ms. Alexander reported they will begin the ECHO Autism Program this year, focused on providers, training, and

support to providers in the state. OCSHCN has hired an Autism ECHO Project Director. Their Parent Advisory Council meets tonight, and one of their focuses is on transitions for all children in Kentucky.

**Melissa Goins**, Family Resource and Youth Service Centers (FRYSC), reported they are focusing on their reach and connections. Ms. Goins reported there are concerns about the long-term effects on children being at home. Ms. Goins reported there are youth that are getting jobs during times that they would typically be in school. FRYSCs are thinking about the impact of that as they transition back into the classroom. FRYSCs are also sharing information about what works well when trying to engage parents, grandparents and students. Ms. Goins referenced what Secretary Friedlander had voiced regarding 3 – 6 months after disasters and trauma are when we see increased need. FRYSCs are preparing for that and have reached out to Behavioral Health.

**Marta Miranda-Straub**, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), reported their department completed their six month stabilization plan, and that work group dissolved. DCBS is not meeting with trusted advisors, which includes community partners, and youth and family alumni of services, and staff to design an 18-month strategic plan. Ms. Miranda-Straub reported DCBS is working towards decreasing use of residential services and increasing primary and secondary prevention. Ms. Miranda-Straub also reported they are decreasing their brick and mortar sites.

**Angela Morris**, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), reported Family & Juvenile Services is working towards being trauma-responsive. Ms. Morris reported they have a new strategic plan this year regarding racial and ethnic disparities, and they have additional trainings in mind. Their agency is focused on the legislative session. They are also collaborating with DCBS on various topics including cross-training, data, and Title IV-E reimbursement. Ms. Morris reported a priority in her branch is incorporating family and youth voice. Ms. Morris reported they lost, due to COVID-19, a Court Designated Worker last week.

**Wendy Morris**, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), reported a more comprehensive update will be emailed later today. Ms. Morris reported the Trauma & Resilience Team launched department-wide staff questionnaire to facilitate department understanding of staff perception of departmental awareness of & support around Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS), and to assess staff level of burnout, STS and compassion satisfaction. This is a first step in developing an action plan for the department to promote workforce resilience. Ms. Morris reported the Behavior Institute is offering virtual Education Tuesdays, which are free professional development sessions for education professionals focused on promoting resilience among the workforce and students, increasing equity, supporting a growth mindset, and building academic and behavioral skills for student success. Ms. Morris reported DBHDID is launching a training opportunities for state facilities and community mental health centers focused on racial trauma. Ms. Morris announcing the System of Care Academy Call for Presentations is available on the website, and the proposals are due by February 3. Ms. Morris also reported the department was awarded a 988 Implementation Planning Grant to convene a task force of key stakeholders, including those with lived experience of suicide, to create the implementation process for statewide roll out of 988 by June 2022; contact Beck Whipple for more information.

**William Heffron**, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), reported DJJ is running into staff and youth resistance in regards to COVID testing, and they are dealing with misinformation about if you have had COVID. Dr. Heffron reported the majority of their work is in residential right now. They continue to use Zoom to work with families.

**Judy Theriot**, Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), reported there are currently 1.6 million, which is about 37% of the population, enrolled in Medicaid. There are 27,000 – 28,000 enrolled in SKY program. Dr. Theriot reported there is now one preferred drug list for all Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). Dr. Theriot reported the incarceration waiver is still being reviewed by CMS.

**Denitta Mercier**, Parent Representative, reported the monthly Parent and Youth Representative calls are still happening; those are for SIAC and RIAC Youth and Parent Representatives. Ms. Mercier reported Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children (KPFC) is hosting parent, youth, and dad cafes. Ms. Mercier encouraged SIAC Members to share these events with the families they serve. Ms. Mercier also reminded SIAC Members to refer families to KPFC and KY-SPIN.

**Rhonda Logsdon**, KY-SPIN, Family Organization Representative, encouraged SIAC Members to use KY-SPIN and KPFC to assist with agencies becoming youth- and family-driven. Ms. Logsdon reported later today she will send a list of upcoming trainings and webinars.

**Cora McNabb**, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), reported staff are weary and would like to be able to see clients face-to-face again. Ms. McNabb reported OVR is working with Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) on how OVR delivers transition services. Ms. McNabb reported they have had a decrease in transition services and a huge rise in pre-

employment transition services, which is not ideal because pre-employment was designed to be short-term, so they will be issuing guidance around that.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- RIAC: Updates on COVID-19 Funding Impact on the Regions – Bluegrass RIACs and LIACs – February

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Ivanora Alexander**, SIAC Chair, asked for any public comment. There was none.

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST

Location: Zoom

## ADJOURNMENT

**Rhonda Logsdon** made a motion to adjourn. **Denitta Mercier** – second to the motion. Motion passed.

## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

TASK:	RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
Family- and Youth-Driven Strategic Planning Workgroup is seeking representation from each SIAC Member agency	SIAC Members/Designees register at <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FD_YD_KYSOC">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FD_YD_KYSOC</a>

## IN ATTENDANCE

### **Members/Designees:**

Ivanora Alexander, OCSHCN  
Marta Miranda-Straub, DCBS  
Rhonda Logsdon, KY-SPIN  
Angela Morris, AOC  
William Heffron, DJJ  
Melissa Goins, FRYSC

Kelly Foster, KDE  
Wendy Morris, DBHDID  
Cora McNabb, OVR  
Denitta Mercier, Parent Representative  
Judy Theriot, DMS  
Kristen Martin, DPH

**Staff:** Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, DBHDID  
Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, DBHDID  
Lori Ramage, Administrative Specialist, DBHDID

### **Guests:**

*See Attached Zoom Report*